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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Any license or permit issued by the federal government or any other state shall be recognized pursuant to the terms of such license or permit provided the holder of such license or permit is not a resident of Tennessee. Any person moving into Tennessee who has a valid firearms permit from another state shall have one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of moving into Tennessee to apply for a firearms carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351. An applicant with a valid firearms permit from another state who applies for a firearms carry permit in Tennessee within one hundred twenty (120) days may carry a firearm until the application for a firearms permit is denied. Persons carrying firearms pursuant to this section shall have in their possession a valid firearms permit from another state and a receipt for the application for a firearms carry permit in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316(c), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

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() The fifteen-day waiting period does not apply to transactions between licensed dealers and persons who have a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1305, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) It is an offense for a person to possess a firearm in any part of a building which is open to the public and in which alcoholic beverages are served if the owner or manager of such building has prominently posted in writing at each public entrance thereto a notice in English that firearms are prohibited therein.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(b), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() Persons authorized to possess or carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351;

SECTION 5. (a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) An individual, corporation, business entity or local, state or federal government entity or agent thereof is authorized to prohibit the possession of weapons by any person otherwise authorized by §§ 39-17-1351 -- 39-17-1360, at meetings conducted by, or on premises owned, operated, managed or under control of such individual, corporation, business entity or government entity. Notice of such prohibition shall be posted. Such notice shall be displayed in prominent locations, including all public entrances, shall be in English, and shall be at least six inches (6") high and fourteen inches (14") wide, stating:

PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 39-17-1359, THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THIS PROPERTY HAS BANNED WEAPONS WITHIN THIS BUILDING OR THIS PORTION OF THIS BUILDING. A VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE AS A CRIMINAL ACT UNDER STATE LAW AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, reduce or eliminate any civil or criminal liability that a property owner or manager may have for injuries arising on their property.

SECTION 6. This act shall take upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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